

## LOCAL ITEMS.

**CHRISTMAS RELIGIOUS SERVICES.**—Religious services were held in Christ, St. Paul's and Grace Churches, Episcopal, and the German Lutheran Church on Christmas day, by the respective pastors of those churches. The churches had been beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion, and the music was rendered in excellent style. At St. Mary's (Catholic Church) solemn High Mass was celebrated at 5 o'clock a. m. Rev. Father Noonan celebrated, Rev. Father O'Kane Deacon, and Rev. Father Keating Sub-Deacon. The choir rendered Mozart's 12th Mass with much power, sweetness and taste. Mrs. Cornelia S. Carne organist, Mrs. Julia Monroe soprano, Miss Kate Stoutenburgh alto, John W. Wilkins tenor, Seymour Stoutenburgh bass, Misses Alice Maxwell and Ethel and Eva Noonan singing in the chorus. Rev. Father Noonan preached a brief and able discourse on the nativity. At 11 o'clock solemn High Mass was again celebrated, the services concluding with the Benediction.

**CHRISTMAS.**—Christmas, with the exception of the noise created by the explosion of fire arms and powder crackers and the blowing of noisemakers of which there was more than usual—passed off quietly enough. Some drunken men were seen on the streets, and a few were locked up in the station house, but not as many as on numerous previous similar occasions. The churches that were open were well attended, and though the usual family reunions were held, many of them were not as numerous as heretofore because the case. The Postoffice, Custom House, banks, and the Cora Exchange were closed, and in fact all business was suspended except that done by the confectionery and a few other retail stores. But few accidents happened from the use of gun powder, and fortunately none of them were serious.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—A brakeman on the Alexandria and Washington Railroad, named Edward Worthington, while engaged in coupling the engine of the one o'clock local train from Washington to the cars, at the St. Asaph street depot, this afternoon, was struck on the side of his abdomen by a violent blow and knocked senseless by the coupling bar, which slipped from its proper place, was thrust aside by the backing of the locomotive. He was picked up at once and taken into the depot, and surgical aid summoned immediately, but was dead almost before Dr. Lewis and Stabler reached there, though they arrived within a few minutes after the accident occurred. The body was put on the three o'clock train and sent back to Washington, where the deceased, who was a single man, resided.

**CATHOLIC BENEFICIAL SOCIETY.**—At a meeting of the Catholic Beneficial Society, held last night, the following named officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Edward Hughes, president; J. T. Hill, first vice president; Orlando Wood, second vice president; Francis Lovjoy, secretary; R. M. Latham, bookkeeper; Michael Smith, treasurer; J. J. Welsh, doorkeeper; R. V. Farther, Keating, chaplain; M. H. Nash, marshal; James Brannon, first assistant marshal; Patrick Hays, second assistant; C. W. Greenwood, third assistant; P. Bayne, standard bearer; Thomas Hays and Dennis Buttimer, assistants.

**WASHINGTON'S CHAIR.**—The chair occupied by George Washington as Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge at Alexandria, Va., is now in the possession of Unanimity Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Edenton, in North Carolina, whither it was sent during the war of 1812 for safe keeping. It is of massive mahogany, elaborately carved and a fine specimen of antique furniture. An effort will be made to induce its custodians to allow this memento of the illustrious "man and Mason" to be placed on exhibition at Philadelphia next year. So says a correspondent of the New York Herald.

**CHURCH SERVICES YESTERDAY.**—Notwithstanding the damp, foggy and disagreeable weather, yesterday, nearly all the churches were attended by large congregations. Rev. C. B. Middleton, the boy preacher, preached the Methodist Protestant Church. With the exception of the pulpits of all the churches but the Second Presbyterian, in which no service was held on account of the indisposition of the pastor, were occupied by the resident clergy. The regular Sunday exercises of the Young Men's Christian Association were held as usual.

**COULDN'T CATCH IT.**—A colored man named Richard Roy, employed at Watkins' mill, while under the influence of liquor on Christmas, said he had often heard of people who caught flying bullets in their hands, and that he meant to try the experiment himself, and suiting the action to the word he fired a pistol with one hand and tried to catch the ball with the other. The ball went through the palm of his hand, and the whole hand will probably have to be amputated, and pending his recovery his family will manage to live as well as they can.

**MONITOR.**—The monitor Caskill, which lay off this city all day Friday and Saturday, sailed yesterday for Norfolk. Just as she was leaving the Eastern Branch and off the Arsenal point on Thursday afternoon, the rod of her air pump broke and her engines were consequently disabled. She was towed to this city by the navy yard tug Rescue and anchored. Workmen were sent down from the yard to repair the broken machinery, which was done by Christmas morning.

**REMARKABLE FATALITY.**—A few weeks since Mr. Charles P. Harmon—formerly of this city—a young lawyer in Washington, took cold and died. A few days afterwards his sister, Miss Rebecca Harmon died of grief at the loss of her brother, and last Friday night another brother, Aaron Harmon, who had not been well since his sister's death, died also. They were all buried in the family grave yard in this city, the last one this afternoon.

**PERSONAL.**—Rev. Mr. Dame, the new rector of Christ Church, preached his first sermon there as rector on Christmas day. It was an appropriate and excellent address, admired by all who heard it, as were those he delivered yesterday, and give promise that he will prove an effective and beloved pastor, and that the mantle of his able predecessors has fallen upon proper shoulders.

**NINETY DAYS IN JAIL.**—At a court held by Benjamin Austin, justice of the peace of Alexandria county, at the jail in this city, at 3 o'clock this evening, Wesley Baker was committed to jail for thirty days for assault and battery on James Pearson, and for sixty days for assault and battery on Andrew Jenkins, on Christmas eve. The accused was defended by Louis E. Payne.

**COUNTY COURT.**—Owing to the non-arrival of Judge James Sanster, the December term of the County Court, to have commenced this morning, was not held.

**Weather Probabilities.**—WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—11 a. m.—For the Lower Lakes, Middle and Eastern States, rising barometer, northwest to southwest winds, cooler, clear or clearing weather, following light rain on the Atlantic coast. For canal regions of New Jersey and Virginia, temperatures remain above freezing. The rivers will rise.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

A regular meeting of the City Council will be held to-morrow night.

The weather to-day, unlike that of Christmas eve, Christmas and yesterday, has been clear, bright and delightful.

The alarm of fire on Christmas night was caused by exhibitions of calcium lights on Fairfax street.

A rope walker named Thompson was here to-day making arrangements for a performance in this city.

Mr. Edward McEwen, of this city, but who owned and ran a mill near Dumfries, died there quite suddenly, on Friday last.

The residence of Constable C. O. Sipple was robbed last night of some female wearing apparel.

Robert Hopkins, a well-known colored resident of the city, was badly hurt Christmas night by the accidental explosion of a sky rocket.

The blowing of horns was allowed on Christmas eve and Christmas day, but the police have been directed to nab all tooters heard on the streets to-day or hereafter.

A horse belonging to a colored woman named Laura Watson, living on Naylor's Hill, was accidentally choked to death by its halter on the night of Christmas Eve.

Thomas Johnson has been appointed Mail Messenger, on route between Alexandria and Lynchburg, at a salary of \$75 per month by Adams Express Company.

The Washington Tribune says it is reported that a prominent member of the bar in Baltimore is soon to lead to the altar Miss Lula Rogers, of King George county, Va., now on a visit in this city.

A colored man living near Occoquan had his hand wounded so severely by the accidental discharge of a gun on Christmas that it had to be amputated by Dr. John Powell, of that town.

A large crowd assembled at the intersection of Cameron and Columbus streets Christmas afternoon to witness the ascension of a balloon, but the gas apparatus didn't work well and the ascension didn't take place.

Attention is directed to the advertisement elsewhere in to-day's Gazette of the valuable property on the east side of St. Asaph street, between King and Prince, to be sold by auction to-morrow.

A colored man named Nelson Bi-hop was shot in the leg, but not badly hurt, on the night of Christmas eve, at the Bridge pump, by a storekeeper in that neighborhood, for disorderly conduct in his store.

A colored man named John Pierce was struck on the head with a billy and badly hurt on Christmas day, near the canal locks, by a colored special constable of the county, named James Commander.

Caledon, the residence of the late G. B. Alexander, and 1030 acres of attached land on the Potomac, near Boyd's Hole, King George county, Va., have been purchased by Mr. W. A. Smoot, of this city.

Eight improved sheep were killed and three wounded, last night, on the Burgundy farm, near this city, by worthless dogs. They all would have had lambs in a month, and four of them would have had two lambs each.

The difficulty in Washington between the captains of the oyster boats and the "middle men," or those who sell to the hucksters and consumers has been of great benefit to the latter who can now buy good oysters at 20 cents a bushel.

The remains of Mrs. John Griffin, who died in Washington on Christmas, were brought here this afternoon and interred. She was the second wife of Mr. John Griffin, a printer of this city, but for some years past employed in Washington.

The children of Christ and St. Paul's Church Sunday Schools had their Christmas celebrations last Friday afternoon, when each one of the scholars received a present from the large and well-filled Christmas trees that were erected in the lecture rooms of those churches.

The prisoners in the jail were treated to a splendid dinner and a bowl of toddy by the City Sergeant on Christmas day. One of them, Thomas Dix, awaiting a trial on the charge of incendiaryism, was the recipient of a large and magnificent cake, sent to him by his numerous friends, who believe him guiltless.

**POLICE REPORT.**—The following cases have been reported at police headquarters since Friday afternoon:

Richard Hall, colored, for disorderly conduct and abusing the police officers; Thomas Johnson and Jenny Ray, colored, for disorderly conduct at the Zion church festival; John Colson, alias Mumps, colored, for disorderly conduct; John Laws, for assaulting Alice Norris, both colored; William Johnson, colored, for disorderly conduct; and Robert McIntosh, colored, for disorderly conduct, were fined and discharged.

Sib Gray and Mary Odell, colored, were arrested for disorderly conduct at Fishtown. The former was discharged—the latter fined and discharged.

Henry Carter, colored, for stealing ten gallons of cider from the store of Mr. McBurney, was sent to jail for thirty days.

John Bright, for disorderly conduct at the station house, was put on the chain gang.

Rodolph Miller, colored, for abusing his mother-in-law, was dismissed, as the charge was not sustained.

Molly Ewell and Roxanna Jackson, colored, for disorderly conduct at Fishtown, were put to work cleaning out the station house.

John Hackley and Isaac, his son, for attacking William Johnson, all colored, were arrested. Isaac was discharged, but his father and the complainant were fined and discharged.

Georgiana Day, for abusing Christine Wells, both colored, was discharged, and costs assessed against complainant.

Wesley Ransom, for threatening to shoot James Pearson, both colored, and of the county, was committed to jail for further examination.

James Welsh, alias Walter Fauley, and Thomas King, colored, were discharged from jail, having served out their terms of imprisonment.

George King and James Welsh, colored, for stealing articles from the store of Mrs. Payne, on Patrick street, were locked up for examination.

The lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is fast taking the place of all the old-fashioned cough remedies. It never fails to relieve the most violent cold, and for throat diseases it is invaluable. Price, 25 cents.

**RECEIVED THIS DAY BY RAIL** 15 bbls Standard A Sugar and 10 bbls Yellow do. For sale low by

**JOHNSON & SHERWOOD,**  
96 King street.

**BREAKFAST SHAWLS,** Nubias, Childron's Hoods, Felt Skirts, &c., in variety, at

**FERGUSON & BROS.,**  
96 King street.

**PICKLES.**—New Cucumber, English Mixed and Chow Chow, at

**DAVY & HARMON'S,**  
Cor. Prince and Royal streets.

**THE VERY BEST CIGAR FOR FIVE CENTS** is for sale at

**RAMSAY'S CORNER,**  
received to-day by

**J. C. & E. MILBURN,**  
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## TELEGRAPH.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—It would be a great mistake to suppose that there will be nothing done in political matters during the recess of Congress. It is true that as to actual legislation these days are *dies non*, but in fact more than half of the days during which Congress is in session may be classed in the same category.

As regards political matters the case is far different; the recess is already busy with concocting them. They will all be based on investigations. The Senate will investigate the recent elections in Mississippi, and will get a batch of campaign documents out of it. But that is like Sambo's powder, it won't go off; it has been shot before. There was some talk of a Senate investigation into certain alleged wrongs to the colored race in the school policy of Maryland, but that was quickly abandoned, as the Radicals must forever be dumb in the face of the wholesale robbery of the public school funds in South Carolina.

The Democrats will have some rare morsels of pickings for political purposes in the details of the expenditures of the Executive departments. The offices of the District of Columbia will also be investigated from a Democratic stand point.

One new feature of retrenchment will be proposed by the Democrats, and supported by many R.-publicans, viz: the transfer of the Internal Revenue business to the Custom Houses, giving to the Custom Houses the assessment and collection of the internal revenue as well as the tariff duties.

A number of Alexandrians attended the funeral of Mr. Aaron Harmon here.

## Foreign News.

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, Dec. 27.—News has been received here of a dreadful calamity which occurred in the little village of Hilikon in the Canton of Aargau on Saturday, Christmas festivities were being celebrated in the school-house in that place when the flooring gave away; 80 persons were killed and 50 more or less wounded.

LONDON, ONT., Dec. 27.—The service at St. James' Presbyterian Church, yesterday, was marked by another exciting scene. The pastor Rev. Mr. Cameron appeared to preach for the Unionists, but Rev. Mr. Burnett, of Hamilton, who had been called by the Anti-Unionists to preach, gained the pulpit first, and amid the greatest show of anxiety and proceeded to dissent from Mr. Burnett's remarks by several times calling out "False, false."

SAN SEBASTIAN, Dec. 27.—Owing to the vigorous bombardment of Hurnani by the Carlists, the situation there has become critical, and it is thought probable the garrison will be compelled to evacuate unless they are promptly reinforced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Harrisburg, Pa., says: Hampton Miller, aged 19, has just been committed to jail for shooting his step-father, Thomas Morgan, at Lykens, in this county. Morgan, who had been to a lodge meeting on his return at 10 o'clock at night, asked who had taken several missing articles from his valise. His wife said she would assume the responsibility and a quarrel ensued.

While they were having words, Miller discharged a pistol at his step-father, who was on his knees packing books into a chest, and had his back turned to the young man. The wound produced is fatal. The murder was premeditated. Four weeks ago Morgan received a letter warning him to be careful, as a member of a certain society had been detected to kill him if he came in his way. The writer expressed his willingness to do the deed, and said for God's sake keep out of my way, for I must do it if there is any show. The wife of the victim is believed to have been cognizant of the plot concocted for the slaying of her husband.

**The Channel Tunnel.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—M. Lavalley, president of the French Society of Civil Engineers, and inventor of the powerful apparatus which contributed to the rapid construction of the Suez canal, announces that fifteen experimental soundings have been made in the Straits of Dover. In none of them were the results unfavorable to the possibility of boring a tunnel to join France and England, and M. Lavalley adds that all the engineers are agreed that the completion of the project is only a question of time.

**The Markets.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Stocks dull. Money 6. Gold 12. Flour dull and declining. Wheat quiet heavy. Corn dull and heavy. BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Virginia 6s, pealers, 46 1/2; do, consolidated, 70; West Virginia 9s, Cotton quiet and steady; middling, 12 1/2; Flour dull and heavy; Howard street and Western super, 48 1/2; extra, 45 1/2; 5s; do, family, 55 1/2; City Mills Super, 42 1/2; 5s; do, extra, 58 1/2; do, Rio brands, 67 1/2; do, family, 85 1/2. Wheat firm; demand fair; No. 2 Western red, 134 1/2; Pennsylvania red, 137 1/2; Maryland red, 115 1/2; do, amber, 147 1/2; do, white, 115 1/2; 4s; Corn quiet and steady; Southern white, new, 50 1/2; Southern yellow, new, 55 1/2; Western mixed, new, 63 1/2; spot; 63 January. Oats quiet and heavy; Southern, 40 1/2; Western white, 44 1/2; Western mixed, 42 1/2; Rye dull and nominal at 80 1/2; Hay dull but steady; Maryland and Pennsylvania, 22 1/2; 24. Provisions quiet but steady. Butter quiet and steady; Western extra 29 1/2; do, firsts, 26 1/2; Coffee dull and heavy; Rio cargoes, 17 1/2; 19 1/2; Java, 17 1/2; 20 1/2; Sugar and molasses, 10 1/2; 10 1/2; Whiskey offered at 81 1/2, without buyers.

**PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.**—The market was dull this week, but prices were unchanged; 1,500 head arrived, and sold at 61 1/2 for extra Pennsylvania and Western steers, 54 1/2 for fair to good do, and 3 1/2 per pound gross for common to fair quality. Sheep were dull; 12,000 head sold at 41 1/2 per lb, gross, as to condition. Hogs were unchanged; 4,000 head sold at 10 1/2 per 100 lbs, nett.

**GOVERNOR SMITH OF GEORGIA.**  
Executive Department, Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 26, 1878. Dr. J. S. Pemberton—Dear Sir: I have used your Globe Flower Cough Syrup myself, and in my family, with benefits so marked as to leave unquestioned the merits of a remedy which in my experience has proved one that cures everything for Colds, Coughs and obstinate Lung affections. I shall always use it with perfect confidence, and recommend it to the public as a remedy which will afford satisfaction experienced by me and mine.

Very respectfully yours,  
JAS. M. SMITH,  
Governor of State of Georgia.

Globe Flower Cough Syrup cures Colds, Coughs, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Croup, Pleurisy, Pain and Soreness in the Breast, and will positively cure Croup of infants, and is a valuable remedy for all the ailments of great and good men of the nation, whose words cannot be doubted, in regard to the merits of Globe Flower Syrup. We prefer to let them speak.

Globe Flower Syrup for sale by  
E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.  
None genuine unless signed MERRELL & CO. Dr. J. S. Pemberton.

Read the "Curious Story"—free at the Drug Stores.  
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## COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, December 27.		
FLOUR, Fine.....	4 25	@ 50
Superfine.....	5 25	@ 50
Extra.....	6 00	@ 50
Family.....	6 75	@ 80
WHEAT, common to fair.....	1 00	@ 1 20
Good to prime.....	1 30	@ 1 40
Choice.....	1 45	@ 1 50
CORN, white.....	3 05	@ 0 05
Mixed.....	0 64	@ 0 05
Yellow.....	0 64	@ 0 05
New.....	0 52	@ 0 54
Ear Corn, per bbl.....	2 25	@ 2 50
RYE.....	0 75	@ 0 80
OATS.....	0 40	@ 0 45
TURKEYS, dressed.....	10 00	@ 12
CHICKENS.....	2 00	@ 3 00
BUTTER, prime.....	0 28	@ 0 30
Common to middling.....	0 15	@ 0 25
EGGS.....	0 25	@ 0 27
IRISH POTATOES.....	0 30	@ 0 40
APPLES.....	2 50	@ 3 50
PRIED APPLES, per lb.....	0 7	@ 0 9
PACCHES, per lb.....	0 12	@ 0 15
CHEESE.....	0 15	@ 0 25
CHESTNUTS, per bushel.....	1 45	@ 1 55
DRESSED HOGS.....	7 50	@ 8 00
BACON, Hams, country.....	0 12	@ 0 13
Western.....	0 16	@ 0 17
Sides.....	0 14	@ 0 15
Shoulders.....	0 11	@ 0 14
LARD.....	0 13	@ 0 15
PLASTER, ground, per ton.....	50	@ 0 00
Ground, in bags or bbls.....	9 50	@ 0 00
Ground, in bags, red d.....	8 50	@ 0 00
Lump.....	3 25	@ 3 50
SALT, G. A. (Liverpool).....	1 25	@ 1 30
Finest.....	2 20	@ 2 30
Turkey's Island.....	0 00	@ 0 40
WOOL, unwashed.....	0 30	@ 0 33
Washed.....	0 42	@ 0 45
SUMAC.....	1 00	@ 0 00

We have no change to note in the Wheat market since our last report; offerings of 1518 bushels red, with sales at 125 for fair, 135, 136, 137 and 140 for good to prime, and 143 and 145 for choice. Corn is dull and lower for new lots, but prime dry samples are in request; offerings of 2226 bushels, with sales of new white at 51 and mixed at 52. Rye is in light receipt; no sales reported.

**PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, DEC. 27.**

Full moon..... 7 15; Moon set..... 0 00

High water..... 4 48; High water..... 0 15

**ARRIVED.**  
Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F A Road. She reports the schr C S Bayliss, from Georgetown, bound out, as ashore at Maryland Point.

Steamer New York, Philadelphia, to F A Road.

Steamer J W Thompson, Conn river, to F A Road.

Steamer Sue, Baltimore, to Broders & Co.

Schr Roxana, Pamunky, to J H D Smoot and Smoot & Perry.

Schr Wm Mason, for Georgetown.

**SAILED.**  
Steamer Sue, Baltimore, by Broders & Co.

The last ship she will make during the winter.

Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F A Road.

Schr Sarah Bruin, from Georgetown.

**MEMORANDA.**  
Schr Rosnoke, hence, at Petersburg 24th.

**LIST OF LETTERS**

Remaining in the Alexandria, Va., Postoffice

December 25, 1875.

Persons calling for letters will say they are advertised and give the date of the list.

If not called for within thirty days, they will be sent to the dead letter office, in Washington.

Adams, Mrs Ann Mitchell, Mrs Mary

Brown, Miss Julia Phil & Suttle

Carter, Gilbert, Phil & Suttle

Crump, Miss Hattie Ried, Wm, col

Fortune, Miss Sarah Rindhead, James, col

Johnson, Mrs Mary Sills, Walter

Johnson, J G Strong, James

Jackson, John Washington, Jeff

Linney & Co, Gustavus Wilkins, Silas M

McNeil, Miss Milled W. N. BERKLEY, P. M.

dec 25-1m

**MARRIED.**

On the 23d inst, in the M. E. Church South,

by Rev. J. H. Waugh, FRANCES J. POL-

LARD and Miss SARAH E. THOMPSON, all

of this city. [Winchester and Staunton papers

please copy.]

**DIED.**

On the evening of December 24th, at his resi-

dence, in Washington, of pneumonia, AARON

HARMON, brother of Rebecca and Charles P.

Harmon, late deceased.

**LOST AND FOUND.**

**THE LADY WHO TOOK THE UMBRELLA.**

LA marked S. B. Fisher from Green's no-

tification store, Dec. 24, will please return the same

to FISHER & BRO., opposite the Market

House, and receive her own in exchange.

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**AMUSEMENTS.**

**LECTURE.**

Rev. C. B. MIDDLETON,

from Western Maryland College,

will deliver a lecture in the Methodist Prot-

estant Church, in this city, on WEDNESDAY

NIGHT, Dec. 29th, 1875. Subject—POETRY.

Tickets 40c for two, 35c for one adult, and 10c

for each child; may be obtained from Rev.

Dr. Nichols, J. Tracey, and the stores of James